

## Seminole County Community Assistance Rental & Utility Deposits Program

This program is in the form of a grant up to a maximum award of \$2,000 to households in danger of becoming homeless or that are currently homeless as a result of the inability to pay security and/or utility deposits when seeking residence in Seminole County rental housing. The funds can be utilized to pay for rental security and utility deposits which include the following items; rental security, key deposit/fee, cleaning deposit/fee, and utility deposits in the name of the applicant or co-applicant for the power, gas, water, sewer or trash.

At a minimum, the following criteria must be met in order to be determined eligible:

- household annual gross income must be at or below 80% of the area median income (see chart below);
- household must provide documentation of either being homeless or in danger of becoming homeless as a result of the inability to pay security and/or utility deposits when seeking residence in rental housing by providing one of the following documents;
  - a. court eviction within the last year; or
  - b. foreclosure notification within the last year; or
  - c. documentation from City or County Code Enforcement stating current housing is substandard housing; or
  - d. proof of residing in an extended stay hotel/motel for seven (7) consecutive days; or
  - e. referral from a homeless shelter or agency on signed agency letterhead; or
  - f. notice of no lease renewal from landlord; or
  - g. In addition, domestic violence shelter referrals must provide a denial letter for victims crime compensation funding.
- rental unit must be located within Seminole County;
- monthly rent charged on the unit cannot exceed the current fair market rent (FMR) for Seminole County (see chart below); and
- monthly rent charged on the unit must be at or below 30% of the household's maximum income level.

### Median Income Level

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Maximum Extremely Low Income Level</b>	\$12,250	\$14,000	\$15,750	\$17,450	\$18,850	\$20,250	\$21,650	\$23,050
<b>Maximum Very-Low Income Level</b>	\$20,400	\$23,300	\$26,200	\$29,100	\$31,450	\$33,800	\$36,100	\$38,450
<b>Maximum Low Income Level</b>	\$32,600	\$37,250	\$41,900	\$46,550	\$50,300	\$54,000	\$57,750	\$61,450

### Fair Market Rent (FMR)

Unit Size	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
<b>Maximum Rent</b>	\$753	\$819	\$936	\$1,172	\$1,380

Applications will be accepted in orientation on Mondays and Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. Orientation check-in is from 8:00a.m.-8:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. On-line orientation and application can also be completed. Hard copy applications will be available at the Seminole County Community Assistance office or online at [www.seminolecountyfl.gov/commsrvs/commasst/](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/commsrvs/commasst/). This office is located at 534 West Lake Mary Boulevard; Sanford, Florida 32773 and may be contacted at (407) 665-2300 for more information.